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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

### SILESIAN REPORT READY.

### FRENCH AND BRITISH STANDPOINTS AGAIN CONFLICTING.

### LIVELY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

PARIS, August 11.

Mr. Lloyd George and Earl Curzon had breakfast with M. Briand and M. Loucheur at a hotel, the party developing into a more or less informal conference. Subsequently the premiers motored to Rambouillet for lunch with M. Millerand. A meeting of the Supreme Council fixed for the afternoon was adjourned. The experts have finished their report on Upper Silesia. According to a French source the report splits the industrial triangles into many fractions. Finding it impossible to divide large towns, it leaves to the Supreme Council the task of piecing the fractions together and fixing the frontier. Apparently the French and British standpoints are again conflicting.

### THE SENSIBLE WAY.

PARIS, August 11.

If the French papers can be believed the proceedings of the Supreme Council have been very lively. The *Mail* says that Earl Curzon and Signor Dellatorre demanded the ending of allied military control of Germany. M. Briand retorted that with the League of Nations scarcely organized abandonment of the control would be premature. He asserted that clandestine depots of arms had been discovered recently, also wagons loaded with material destined for Silesia. Marshal Foch declared that Germany had not merely retained military aeroplanes but had built new ones. Mr. Lloyd George intervened in a conciliatory manner, saying that it was more sensible to milk the cow than to cut it up for beefsteaks. M. Briand replied that all he asked was that the cow did not turn its horns in our direction.

### CABINET MEETING ON SATURDAY.

LATER.

A French source declares that Mr. Lloyd George received grave news as regards negotiations in Ireland. The Sinn Fein reply envisages the breaking off of negotiations. A British source says that a Cabinet meeting on Saturday will consider Mr. De Valera's reply.

### AMERICAN COMMERCE.

### ENORMOUS DROP IN FOREIGN TRADE.

### BIG GOLD IMPORTS.

WASHINGTON, August 11.

Features of the July statement of the Department of Commerce are the enormous drop in foreign trade compared with the corresponding month last year and the big gold imports. The figures show that the general exports amounted to \$322,000,000 for July compared with \$336,000,000 for the previous month and \$651,000,000 for July last year. The imports were \$178,000,000 for July, \$185,000,000 for June, and \$537,000,000 for July last year. The imports of gold were \$64,250,000, and \$19,800,000 for July last year. The following figures refer respectively to last month and July of last year—Silver \$4,500,000 and \$6,500,000; exports of gold \$3,750,000, and \$21,800,000; and silver \$5,000,000 as against \$5,500,000.

### SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

### SEQUEL TO THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, August 11.

The Cabinet has resigned and the King has asked Senor Maura to form a cabinet.

[An earlier message from Madrid said that the situation in Morocco had caused a Cabinet crisis. It was expected that Senor Maura would form a Cabinet.]

### SENTENCED SPY ESCAPES.

### NOTORIOUS "BLONDE LADY" IN THE CASE.

PARIS, August 11.

Paul Coursier, who was court-martialed a fortnight ago and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment as a spy, employed a notorious "Blonde Lady" for denouncing his compatriots to the Germans. He escaped from the military prison at Lille with two other convicted spies by means of duplicated keys and a rope ladder. He was not observed and is believed to have reached Belgium.

### AUSTRALIANS MAKE 678.

### BIG SCORING AGAINST CANTERBURY.

LONDON, August 11.

At Canterbury there were 12,000 spectators. The weather was fine and the wicket fast. The Australians made 678. They batted for seven and a half hours. Nine bowlers were tried but the rate of scoring remained unaffected. Macartney made 155, including twenty fours in a good all round game. Gregory and Carter made 78 and 57 respectively. Mayne made 157 not out. Kent made 40 runs for two. Although the test match takes place on August 13 the match will be continued to tomorrow.

### MOUNT EVEREST STILL INVOLUBLE.

### NO PRACTICABLE ROUTE TO SUMMIT YET DISCOVERED.

LHASA, August 11.

The Mount Everest expedition is still exploring the country round Tingri. Some 5,000 square miles of the new survey have now been completed. A preliminary survey of Mount Everest was commenced but was hampered by the darkness and the clouds. No practicable route to the summit has yet been discovered.

## THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/8 5/8

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### A TRANSLATION FROM THE CHINESE PRESS.

### FORMATION OF THE "ANTI- MUTSAI SOCIETY."

On the evening of the 8th inst., there assembled in the rooms of Dr. Young Shin Chue, situated below the Chinese Club, about thirty residents, including the Rev. Cheung Cheuk Ling, Messrs. Wong Oh Tong and Ngan Kwan Yul, to discuss the formation of an "Anti-Muttsai Society." Mr. J. M. Wong was elected Chairman and Dr. Young Shin Chue Vice-Chairman of the meeting. Other officials were also elected to serve *pro tem*. When the formation of the Society is effected, a public meeting will be held to elect permanent officials.

A representative of the (Chinese) Press interviewed Mr. J. M. Wong concerning the objects of the above Society. Mr. Wong replied—"The Constitution is not yet fixed. It is in the opinion of many that the *muttsai* system ought not to flourish. To tolerate it is against the trend of modern thought. At the mass meeting held recently in the Tai Ping Theatre, there were people who advocated the abolition of this system, but the presiding Chairman, Mr. Lau, did not put this question to the vote. Hence this Society, the aim of which is to advocate the abolition of the practice of rearing *muttsai*. Question—"Is it a fact that this Society, when formed, will be antagonistic towards the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to *muttsai*, founded by Messrs. Lau and Ho?" Answer—"Yes, because the effort of these two gentlemen in forming their Society tends to perpetuate the system, whereas our humble endeavours is directed towards its abolition. Consequently, both cannot exist side by side. We discern there are inherent weaknesses in their Society and hold that any effort with inherent weaknesses should be discarded. Our difference is the difference between the new and the old schools of thought." Question—"It is imperative to know the sources from which these girls are recruited. Moreover, in achieving an object, it is also necessary to go into the root of things. When abolition is enforced, how do you propose to provide for the few thousand *muttsai*?" Answer—"This phase of the question has claimed our serious attention. It is necessary to devise ways and means. Our opinion is that the number requiring provision cannot be large. As to the argument that, with many people in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, the only alternative of selling their issues lies in starvation, it is sheer sophism. In my humble opinion, the immediate result of abolition will be a marked decrease in the crimes of kidnapping, 'cho chiu' (stealing human beings for prostitution) and selling human beings into prostitution. Coming back to provision and when we advocate abolition, we do not mean that these girls should be driven into the street to fend for themselves. Our idea is to discontinue the system. Amongst these girls there are many of sixteen or seventeen who are not expected to be spoonfed but can work for their salvation, if they be given yearly wages for their services and have their individual liberty restored to them. As to those of tender years, provision for them must be made; but their number is not large. For three of tender years that have neither relations nor guardians or for those whose masters are unprepared to rear or support them, it may be necessary for us to request the co-operation of the Government to put them on their feet. This is a rough sketch of the procedure to be followed after the successful formation of our Society. (And here let me strike a personal note). Although I was elected to be the Acting President, I am highly sensible of my *muttsai* past; and since this Society tends to achieve some public good, I find it difficult to refuse to serve. However, it is my earnest wish that a large number of well-known philanthropists will shortly come forward to co-operate, when I shall be delighted to remove this responsibility to 'more capable shoulders.' Question—"Is it a fact that this Society is entirely planned by (Chinese) Christians?" Answer—"No, no, not by Christians alone. There are many charitably inclined non-Christians that take part in it." Here the interview ended.

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**E. D. C. WOLFE,**  
Captain Superintendent of Police.  
9th August, 1921.

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**H. P. WINSLOW,**  
Manager.  
Kowloon, August 10, 1921.

## NOTICE.

THE PETITION for a more Representative form of Constitution in Hongkong will be collected from the places where it has been deposited for signature, on MONDAY, 15th inst.

Hongkong, August 9, 1921.

## CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

**PRECIS OF PETITION.**

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL of Hongkong makes the laws and levies the taxation for all purposes in the Colony.

This Council is composed of 14 members—3 official and 11 unofficial. All the officials are obliged to vote as directed by H.E. The Governor, whose will is therefore law.

Of these 6 unofficial members of Council 4 are selected by the Governor, and only 2 go through any form of election.

These two are chosen respectively by the Chamber of Commerce and the unofficial Justices of the Peace, the latter of whom are all appointed by the Governor. These two bodies number together only about 350 electors. As, however, many belong to both bodies, the actual number of individual voters is less than 350, for some of them have two votes each. The rest of the community have no vote at all.

The Petition, which you are invited to sign, asks the House of Commons to remedy this state of affairs by:—

1. Substituting the principle of election for nomination in the case of the non-Chinese members, so that they may, in fact as well as in name, represent those on whose behalf they speak and vote.

2. Granting an unofficial majority of one (subject to adequate safeguards) by increasing the number of unofficial members of Council from 6 to 9.

3. Creating a wider electorate for the above purpose by giving the vote to all British subjects on the Jury List and to those who are qualified for Jury service but exempted from it by reason of their occupations. This would embrace many Government servants and members of the Imperial Forces in the Colony. The representation of the Chamber of Commerce would be left unchanged, as it is felt that the important local commercial and shipping interests require direct and expert representation. The Chinese representation would be increased from two to three members in order to maintain the same proportion as at present. These members would continue to be appointed by the Governor.

H. E. The Governor has reported to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in favour of the election of all non-Chinese members and has added that he is agreeable to an increase in the total electorate provided the official element is increased accordingly.

He has expressed a doubt, however, whether any change is generally desired.

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(1). That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting, and also for the following further purposes, namely:—

For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such new Articles of the Company and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, aforesaid. In such print the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by underlining in black ink and by marginal notes. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

(2). That the new Articles after approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

**AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions, the above mentioned Resolutions (Nos. 1 and 2).

Should the first of the above Resolutions (No. 1) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the Company's memorandum of Association consequently involved will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Hongkong for confirmation.

**AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that the said SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be continued for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following further Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely:—

(3). That each of the existing 20,000 fully paid up shares of \$50 each constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 be divided into 5 fully paid up shares of \$10 each so as to make such Capital \$1,000,000 consisting of 100,000 fully paid up shares of \$10 each.

(4). That after the division aforesaid, the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 consisting as aforesaid, to \$2,500,000 divided into 250,000 shares of \$10 each by the creation of 150,000 new shares of \$10 each—such new shares (subject as hereinafter mentioned) to be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit.

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**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Original Area.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## RUSSIAN FAMINE.

LONDON, August 11th. Numerous prominent persons, including Lord Birkhead, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Crew, Mr. Aquilino, Lord Robert Cecil, Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, and leading Labourites have signed an appeal to the nation on behalf of Russia, declaring that no nation suffered in the war more terribly than Russia and none received so little of the healing gift of sympathy. The hope is expressed that the broken links may be restored by common efforts to save life and alleviate pain.

LONDON, August 11th. A description of the famine in Russia has been telegraphed by the Friends' Emergency Relief Committee's Mission at Baranowic.

Horde of men, women and children, it is said, are pouring into Poland, involving a grave danger of the spread of infection. The Baranowic camp is equipped to handle 4,000 refugees a week, but was recently called on to deal with 24,000. The whole group had to be let through without disinfection. A further 6,000 arrived before the camp was cleaned. There was a pathetic family group in a field surrounding a woman, who had given birth to a child on a Sunday. It was found by the Friends' worker that, on Wednesday, the woman was still unable to get accommodation in hospital.

The Herald's Moscow correspondent telegraphs an appeal, which Lenin has addressed to the workers of the world, stating that the famine in several provinces equals that of 1891. Lenin describes the present situation as a terrible scourge to the country's superannated farming methods and to the seven years of war imposed on peasants and workers by the capitalists of the world.

PARIS, August 11th. In the Supreme Council, describing the essential measures to cope with the Russian famine, as a result of his experience in the Indian famine when he was viceroy of India, Lord Curzon recommended, inter alia, the enlistment of the aid of the people of India and other places which had experienced famine.

## SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY.

LONDON, August 11th. The relaxation of a hostile Soviet policy against foreign interests is indicated by the fact that the Lenin Government has invited Mr. Leslie Unghart, the chairman of the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated Company, who is accompanied by five technical experts, to proceed to Moscow to pursue the preliminary negotiations started by M. Krasin in London, with a view to the return of the Russo-Asiatic Company's Siberian properties. It is expected that an agreement will be concluded in a few weeks.

The Financial Times understands that while Mr. Unghart's visit is primarily concerned with his own company's properties, he will be able to negotiate other great British interests in Russia. The newspaper believes that all future agreements will be modelled on the Russo-Asiatic Company's settlement.

## INCIDENT IN SILESIA.

PARIS, August 9th. A message from Oppeln (Silesia) says that in a search in a castle near Rosenberg large secret stores of arms and munitions were seized by a British detachment, which was attacked by Germans and forced to surrender the booty and to set free the prisoners—Herms.

LONDON, August 11th. The German report of a fight in the Rosenberg district, mentioned yesterday, is officially confirmed in London.

It appears that fifteen British soldiers, accompanied by a French "colon" and a British machine gun, were searching for arms reported hidden at Botzanowitz, were attacked, fired on and surrounded by 300 Germans.

Under a threat of death, the British surrendered the arms and the prisoners they had seized.

The German Plenipotentiary in Upper Silesia has called on the British Commissioner and apologised on behalf of the German Government and the law-abiding Silesian Germans for "the unprovoked attack on British troops who were executing their lawful duty." Otherwise, the position in Upper Silesia is quiet.

## KING'S CIVIL LIST.

LONDON, August 11th. In the House of Commons, moving the second reading of the



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## BIRTHS.

**ACQUINO**.—On August 2, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. J. d'Acquino, a son.

**LANNING**.—On August 3, 1921, at Kobe, to Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Lanning, a son.

## MARRIAGE.

**TEICHMAN-NIVEN**.—On June 18, 1921, at Bromley, Eric, Teichman, C.I.E., of H.B.M. Consular Service in China, to Ellen Cecilia Niven (nee Teesdale), widow of Major D. S. Niven, O.B.E., 25th Cavalry, I.A.

## DEATHS.

**BRAN**.—On July 31, 1921, at Kuliang, from pneumonia, the beloved wife of H. Shelley Brand, of Footchow.

**ANDERSON**.—On August 3, 1921, at Shanghai, William Anderson, 2nd officer China Navigation Co.'s service.

**FEARON**.—On August 5, 1921, at Peking, after a severe operation, Francis Low Fearon, son of Mrs. J. S. Fearon and the late Mr. J. S. Fearon, aged 39 years.

**MACKINNON**.—On August 5, 1921, at Shanghai, William Mackinnon, late chief engineer of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., aged 42 years.

## The China Mail.

—DEATH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE—  
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1921.

## IN ENGLAND NOW.

Impressions of England by recent visitors vary, just as the evidence of various witnesses about anything always does. Some men are caught short when it comes to giving the unprejudiced truth, but almost all

man of some sort, this one, so we attach importance to this bit, about London faces. "Facial expression and general appearance of men of 35 to 40 arrests one's attention. On inquiry find they attribute leanness and care-worn expression to inadequacy of rations and worry and anxiety caused by bombing raids during the war. This, mark you, refers to men who are something in the city." He is delighted with the theatres, but scorns the "revues." They never were good, those. A stage decadence. "Artisans" jostled him around the seven-and-six-penny ticket place at the Coliseum. Amazed. Naturally. Used to separate entrance for coolies, you see. Notes that women folk too fond of puffs, powder, and rouge. He does not know it, but he is missing the clear, shiny, healthy skins of the Asiatic women. He refers to the coal strike as "a fit of midsummer madness that will never be forgotten." A point of view. It interfered with his railway travelling. He flew from Croydon to Paris, aeroplane, and had a couple of weeks there. No labour troubles. Him. Returned to England. "Astounded at the class hatred shown on all sides. Driving through mining villages in the Midlands, the colliers turn out to shout 'Down with the big uns' as car passes through them. Youths spit as you pass by, colliers living by poaching in big game and nasty tempered gangs too. Saw that, no doubt, as his car whizzed through. The clear fellow such a naive politician! He argues that if every body had been conscripted during the war, including bankers, manufacturers, shippers, etc., at any rates, there would have been no profiteering." How true! He had long talks with members of the working classes—never struck such inconsistency in my life. "Glasgow the worst spot in the Empire for Red Revolution and Bolshevik doctrines, very bad indeed." Well, there you have impressions of the land you know, by a type of man you know. They may not tell you all you'd like to know, but they may help to reconcile you to residence in Hongkong, where your grievances are mostly subjective and negligible.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "silly season" apparently is not confined to newspapers at this time of the year. As evidence of the effects of the heat the N.C.D. News learns that the Light Horse within the past few days have challenged the Shanghai Scottish, S.V.C., to a cross-country ride. The kilties have been fully equal to the occasion, and have accepted the challenge on condition that they are allowed the use of side saddles.

After lasting for nearly six months, a dispute between the local fishermen and the Chinese hotels, restaurants and eating houses has been settled and fanny foods are once more figuring on the menu cards. The trouble arose in the first instance over the abolition by the fishermen of the practice of paying gratuities on settlement of accounts. The Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (Mr. Ip Lau Chuen) was largely responsible for the settlement.

Even old residents in Shanghai affirm that only the common grass snake is found in the surrounding marsh land. During the hot weather, however, this has not been the experience of those who take early morning rides, who tell some alarming stories of reptiles 5ft. long lying stretched across the road. Nowadays, too, people have ceased to take an after dinner walk round the Rubicon, or along part of it, owing to the prevalence of a snake scare in the Szeccwei Road neighbourhood.

The death has taken place at the Rockefeller Hospital, Peking, at the age of 39 years, of Mr. Francis Low Fearon, following upon a severe operation. Mr. Fearon, who was the son of the late Mr. J. S. Fearon and Mrs. Fearon, had been in poor health for some time. About three weeks ago he underwent an operation, which appeared successful, but later it was found that a further operation was necessary. This was performed on Thursday last week and first reports were satisfactory, but death occurred early the following morning.

Members of two prominent Chinese families were wedded at the Ling Sang Hall, New Kiangwan Road Shanghai in the presence of a very large gathering of friends, on Thursday afternoon last week when Miss Frances Yuk yung, second daughter of Mr. Louey Po-sang, compradore of the Hongkong office of Messrs. Struthers & Dixon, Inc., and Mrs. Louey, was united in marriage to Mr. David Wai-kwok, third son of Mr. Andrew Au Ben, managing director of the Sincere Co., Ltd. The groom is a graduate of St. John's University, Shanghai, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is a director of the Sincere Co., which company he is to represent in London as manager; while the bride is a former student of St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, and the True Light Middle School, Canton.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## IMPROPER DRIVING.

MANY MOTORISTS CHARGED AT SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, August 11. No fewer than 38 cases—an extraordinarily large number—were before the Traffic Court which sits in the International Mixed Court. Evidently the Shanghai police are tightening up restrictions on speeding and improper driving. One chauffeur was fined \$100 and several \$50. One chauffeur was alleged to have driven along Nanking Road at nearly forty miles an hour.

## CATHOLIC PRIEST DEAD.

REV. BEAUBLAT DIES AT SINGAPORE.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Aug. 11. The Rev. Beaublat, of the Missions Etrangères, formerly of Hongkong, died at Singapore today.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of plague, Chinese, was notified yesterday.

Captain G. A. G. Morse of the B. and S. Steamer "Luchow" has gone master of the s.s. "Wuhu" in place of Captain Mechem.

Yesterday afternoon a thief entered the cabin of Mr. Hockstra, 5th on inner of the steamer "Tikiini" and stole from a locker 230 guilders in notes and \$230 in Shanghai currency.

Mr. S. Nagano, Japanese agent, of No. 19 Praya East, reports that in addition to the property already reported as stolen from his godown in Anton Street he has since discovered the loss of 27 rolls of S.W.G. flexible cord, valued at \$105.

Found sick and destitute in Cleverley Street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a Chinese has been removed to the Tung Wah Hospital. Picked up in Chater Road at 9 p.m. yesterday, another sick and destitute Chinese was admitted to the same hospital for treatment.

No. 1, Morton Terrace, Causeway Bay, residence of Mr. Allford was entered between 1 and 4 a.m. on Thursday. Clothing and a pair of shoes together worth \$100 were stolen from the bedroom. There is no clue as to how the thief gained admittance.

Patrons of the World Theatre will be pleased to learn that the magnificent drama "The Woman and the Law," which has been retained at great expense by the management in deference to repeated requests by Hongkong and Kowloon residents, will be screened for the last time on Monday, August 15, at the 9.15 p.m. performance.

Word has just been received in Shanghai that the judgment of the United States Court for China in the case of Steele v. American Trading Company has been affirmed by the Court of Appeals. This is the second of two appeals taken during Judge Lobingier's term of nearly eight years, with the same complimentary results to his Honour in both.

A magnificent jade carving is on exhibition this week in the Peking Art Gallery, Hsin Kai Lu. The carving is of Chien Lung white jade, fifteen inches in height and ten inches in diameter. The design is openwork, showing four birds perched in various positions on a flowering almond tree. The carving is of beautiful workmanship and is claimed to be unexcelled by any other.

After having rammed at large for about 17 months, four lepers who escaped from Cullion leper colony in the Philippines have been apprehended and returned to the colony. The four lepers made their escape the night of February 2, 1920, on a bamboo raft, which they had built themselves. They met a small sail boat and boarded it, killing three Christian women and wounding two men.

On the afternoon of July 17, says a despatch from Antung, the city of Antung was suddenly plunged into darkness on account of dark clouds covering the sky and had a terrible cyclone, accompanied by hail stones as large as a hen's egg in size. Ten Chinese on rafts on the Yalu were drowned, and 12 persons were crushed to death by trees falling upon them, while serious damage was done to crops in the locality.

In connection with the case reported yesterday, in which the sheriff of the China Mail S.S. Co. lost \$95 in notes while walking in Connaught Road Central on Wednesday afternoon, a street coolie was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindell with the theft of the money. Mr. P. J. 12-12, who appeared for the prosecution, applied for a remand, and the hearing was fixed for Thursday. It was mentioned that only \$10 of the money had been recovered.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## SEATTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—On the return of the Honorary Commercial Commission from the Pacific Northwest to the Orient, Roy O. Hadley, secretary of the delegation, reported that the visitors had been most generously and courteously treated by the press of the Orient, and especially by the China Mail.

In columns of the China Mail we had already noted the liberal space and favourable comment given to the visit of the Commission. We want to assure you of our appreciation of this very fine spirit of co-operation.

We trust we may have the opportunity to keep more closely in touch with you and to render any service appropriately within our province, especially in supplying information or news items of mutual interest to your readers and the Pacific Northwest. We have a foreign news service which we trust is of some value to you. Please call upon the Publicity Bureau for any information you desire.

The delegation is enthusiastic about its trip and the cordial treatment received. The members are all strong advocates of increased travel to the Far East. The full report has not yet been made public, but will be issued soon.

Transmitting on behalf of the Commercial Commission its sentiments of appreciation to you and expressing my own sense of obligation, I am,

Yours respectfully,

HAROLD CRARY,

Director Publicity Bureau, Seattle, July 20, 1921.

## KINEMA NOTES.

## CORONET THEATRE REOPENING.

## "A WOMAN OF PLEASURE"

The Coronet Theatre is delighted to bring beautiful and talented Blanche Sweet before the public again in her newest picture, a seven part Special Pathe Feature, entitled "A Woman of Pleasure." It will be shown for four days commencing Saturday.

After a long retirement necessitated by a nervous breakdown, Miss Sweet came back to the screen recently, more fascinating and lovely than ever, in "The Unpardonable Sin." Then Jesse D. Hampton induced her to sign a contract calling for her services as the centre of attraction in pictures with stories specially selected for her. "A Woman of Pleasure, is the first offering of The Blanche Sweet Productions.

James Willard's celebrated English melodrama that ran for three seasons at the Adelphi Theatre, London, supplied the story of "A Woman of Pleasure," which has been prepared for the screen by George Elwood Jenks. The action takes place along the English coast and in British South Africa, where a Zulu uprising furnishes lots of thrills. The story touches upon the eternally interesting "eternal triangle." Wheeler Ockman, Wilfred Lucas, Wesley Barry and Spottiswoode Aiken are prominently cast.

## HONGKONG THEATRE.

## "A TASTE OF LIFE."

From to-morrow until Tuesday next a fine 5-part Universal drama, "A Taste of Life," featuring Edith Roberts, will be screened at the Hongkong Theatre as the principal attraction. An amusing 2-part comedy and interesting scenes from the Universal Gazette will complete an excellent programme. These pictures will be shown at the 5.15 and 9.15 p.m. performances. On Sunday at the matinee a special drama will be screened.

## OFFICE ROBBERY.

## VISITOR WHO DEPARTED HURRIEDLY.

Between 1.40 and 3.40 p.m. yesterday, the private room of a Chinese draughtsman employed by a firm of contractors of No. 24, Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, was entered and a leather purse containing \$179 in notes and a coat which was hanging from a peg on the wall near the desk. The draughtsman suspects a visitor who had entered the room to wait for him and departed before his return. During the night of the 10th and 11th inst. the top floor of No. 279, Queen's Road Central, the residence of a Chinese accountant, was entered by the roof door, which had been inadvertently left open. Two boxes of clothing, worth \$96, were stolen.

## SPORT.

## INTERPORT SWIMMING.

HONGKONG'S INVITATION TO SHANGHAI.

The following letter, which speaks for itself, has been received from the Secretary of the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Club:—

"My committee is agreeable to the events you mention and the places they will be swum off. It is their desire, however, that the high diving be reduced to 12 feet from diving base to the water as there is no place in any of the local baths where there is more than 10 ft. from diving base to water, and this would consequently set the local divers at a considerable disadvantage. They take it that the harbour race you mention is not an interport contest."

"The points for the team race and water polo to be as you suggested, one point per man."

"I am now writing to the Clubs here to find out if we can get sufficient number of swimmers, who, if chosen, will be willing to make the trip. We did not do that last year and found out that at the moment, after having accepted Kobe's invitation, we could only send up a very scratch team."

"I have no doubt that my committee will accept your very kind invitation."

## SMALL BOY NUISANCE.

## THROWING STONES AT MOTORISTS.

A small Chinese boy was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindell with having thrown stones into the car of Captain Tom Gunn, a Chinese aviator, in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon. He stubbornly denied the offence. Inspector Macdonald told the Magistrate that neither the complainant nor his chauffeur had appeared in Court to prosecute the lad. The offence was a common one in the Chinese quarters, but this was the first time an offender had been caught. The complainant had told him yesterday that he had experienced the same thing several times before.

In discharging the lad, the Magistrate said that he could count himself fortunate that no one had attempted to prosecute him. If he were brought before the Court again for a similar offence, he would be liable to between 12 and 20 strokes of the rattan.

The boy left the Court still protesting his innocence.

## STREET SNATCHING.

## CHINESE LADIES LOSE EARRINGS.

An elderly Chinese lady was riding in a chair in Bonham Road yesterday afternoon, when a man came up from behind and snatched from her left ear an ear-ring set with large and small diamonds, worth \$250. The coolies gave chase, but the man ran into Hing Hon Road and disappeared. The police have circulated the pawshaps.

About 7.45 last night, another Chinese woman was walking in Queen's Road, when she was robbed in the same fashion at the junction of Hing Hing Lane, of a pair of ear-rings set with diamonds and pearls worth \$350.

## WHITE CITY RUIN.

## £1,000,000 CLAIM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

A claim involving over £1,000,000 brought by the Shepherd's Bush Exhibition Company, Limited, in respect of the military occupation of the White City, came before the War Compensation Committee in London, the Lord Chief Justice (Sir A. T. Lawrence) presiding.

Mr. Leslie Scott, K.C., for the claimants, said of the damage done three-parts was due to rough treatment, and suggested that some of the damage was done maliciously. Men employed by the company for maintenance works were excluded soon after the Government took possession, and the Government refused to do repairs except to keep out wind and weather.

Pointing out that the area covered by the White City is about 100 acres, Mr. Scott said that plaster of Paris was used largely in the construction, and providing the damp was kept from getting through joints the material lasted for years, similar buildings at Earl's Court being practically as good as when built 25 years ago. In 1914 everything was in perfect condition, and the buildings would still be good and sound if the Crown authorities had paid proper attention to them.

The hearing was adjourned.

## CHINA COAST.

## SHIPPING PERSONALS.

## LATEST CHANGES.

"Mr. A. Cook, from reserve, has gone chief officer, 'Shengkang.' Mr. C. B. Adkins, chief officer, 'Shengkang,' has signed off. Mr. D. D. Richards, second officer, 'Shunten,' has signed off. Mr. A. L. Jones has been appointed second officer, 'Shunten.' Mr. A. McVean, second engineer, 'Shankow,' has gone second engineer, 'Shansi.' Mr. D. McCormack, second engineer, 'Shansi,' has gone second engineer, 'Shankow.' Mr. W. J. Gordon, from leave, has gone third engineer, 'Szechuen.' Mr. R. V. Jones, third engineer, 'Szechuen,' has signed off. Mr. N. H. Grieg, second officer, 'Waishang,' has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. R. G. Palmer, chief officer, 'Waishang,' is on leave. Mr. T. Ogier, second officer, 'Wosang,' has gone acting chief officer, same ship. Mr. E. C. H. Turner, acting chief officer, 'Wosang,' has resigned. Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, supernumerary second officer, 'Hopsang,' has gone supernumerary second officer, 'Kutwo.' Mr. S. F. Smith has been appointed supernumerary second officer, 'Hopsang.' Mr. R. Thomson, second engineer, 'Waishang,' has gone second engineer, 'Kingsing.' Mr. G. Porterfield, second engineer, 'Kingsing,' has gone acting chief officer, 'Tungshing.' Mr. D. Mason, chief engineer, 'Tungshing,' is on leave. Mr. A. McEwan, from leave, has gone chief engineer, 'Tuckwo.' Mr. C. Ross, acting chief engineer, 'Tuckwo,' has gone second engineer, 'Waishang.' Mr. W. F. Paxton, supernumerary third engineer, 'Kwongsang,' has gone supernumerary third engineer, 'Tungshing.' Mr. C. Anbank has been appointed second officer, 'Kiangyung.' Mr. F. H. Davies, chief officer, 'Taishun,' has gone chief officer, 'Kwanglee.' Mr. F. N. Stokes, chief officer, 'Kwanglee,' has gone chief officer, 'Taishun.' Mr. J. Malcolm, chief engineer, 'Kiangyung,' has gone chief engineer, 'Kiangyung.' Mr. J. Kemp, from leave, has gone second engineer, 'Feiching.'

## HUMANE POLICE OFFICER.

## MAGISTRATE'S ODD COMMENTS.

Tuesday's battle royal on Cheng-chau Island, between hostile gangs of fishermen numbering several hundreds, which, as reported yesterday, resulted in a couple of the combatants being so severely injured that they had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment, had its sequel in Magistrate Orme's Court yesterday afternoon, when the wounded men and two others were charged with having taken part in the disturbance.

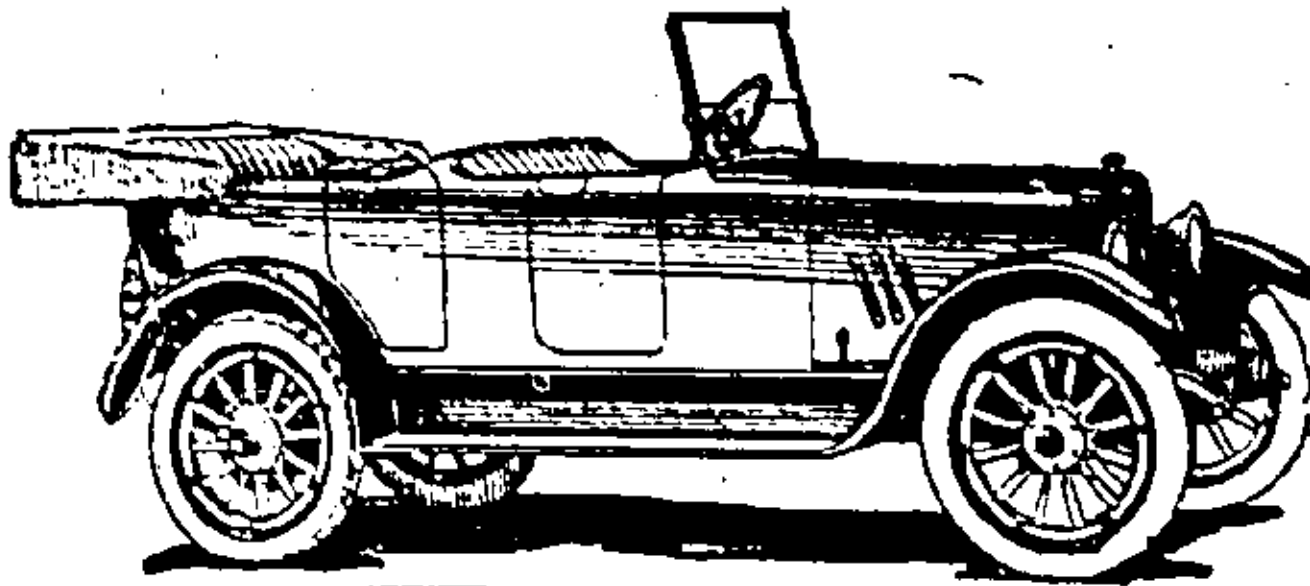
The two wounded men admitted the charge, while the others entered pleas of "not guilty." According to Acting sub-Inspector Bloor, the trouble started among the Hoklo fishermen who usually spend some two or three months on the island about this time of the year. A gambling quarrel between two men involved some 150 to 200 of their clansmen in a free-for-all fight in which bamboo poles, some seven to eight feet long were freely used. The men continued to fight in the presence of a Chinese constable, and did not disperse until he fired his revolver. The Inspector pressed for the maximum penalty as these men caused a lot of trouble on the island every year, and would take no notice of the police. He had to turn out the whole station on Tuesday before the disturbance was quelled. The affair might have led to murder. He had to call in a lady missionary doctor to attend to the wounded men. He asked that an order be made for the payment of a fee to the lady.

The Magistrate: You did not 'have' to call in the doctor. There are a good many heads broken in China without doctors being called in. Heads get broken so often, they get in the way of healing themselves. The Magistrate remarked that the maximum penalty would not act as a deterrent. The men would fight again next year if a gambling quarrel arose. If Inspector Bloor had got the headmen on his side, and they pointed out the guilty parties, then there would have been a case. As it was, the case was simply this: There was a tremendous crowd, and the police got the slowest. There was nothing to show that the men in Court were to blame for the disturbance.

The Inspector: Not exactly to blame, but they were amongst the crowd. Remarking that he did not want to send the accused to jail because he thought they had a harder time on their junk, the Magistrate directed the interpreter to give the men a severe "talking to," and then bound them, ever to be of good behaviour in future.



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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### STARVING RUSSIA.

MEASURES TO PREVENT SPREAD OF CHOLERA.

DANGER TO THE DOMINIONS.

LONDON, August 12.  
 In the House of Lords, Lord Askwith inquired regarding the famine in Russia whether measures were being considered to prevent a spread of cholera to the Dominions. Lord Emmott said that Russia was faced with a terrible catastrophe which would react on the whole world. It was a duty to do the utmost. Lord Macdonnell expressed the opinion that no government in the world was capable of coping with the calamity threatening Eastern Europe. The only available system was one elaborated in India during his residence there in which very important provision was made to secure a pure water supply. He declared that experiences in India showed that when people were wandering throughout the country the only method was to establish a large famine camp and keep people there until they could be returned to their villages, and then establish the village system of administration which had been established in India. He urged the Government to grant between £30,000,000 and £50,000,000 therefore. Earl Crawford replied, said that official information from Russia was meagre but it was clear that the position was one of the utmost danger, involving partial or complete failure of crops in the middle and lower basins of the Volga. The Soviet had reported 27,000 cases of cholera. Measures were being taken to keep out seaborne cases. All the Dominions had been fully informed of the situation. The Supreme Council was considering remedial action which would have to include preventative measures as regards the spread of disease to the Dominions.

### AND REFUSED UNTIL AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE RELEASED.

LONDON, August 11.  
 The American Relief Administration representatives in London state that the Soviet has released hitherto only six American prisoners. Nothing can be done as regards the famine in Russia until the remaining twenty-one are liberated.

### FIGHT TOWARDS SIBERIA.

RIGA, August 11.  
 Local representatives of the Soviet have assured Latvia that she has nothing to fear regarding invasion of famine-stricken Russians, as the movement of fleeing populations is towards Siberia and the south-west provinces of Russia.

### PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

NAVAL ARMAMENTS TO HAVE FIRST PLACE ON AGENDA.

CHINA'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, August 12.  
 President Harding's formal invitations to a disarmament and Far Eastern conference have been despatched to Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and China. No limitation is placed on the scope of the discussions. It is, however, suggested that naval armaments may naturally have the first place on the agenda, although it has been thought best not to exclude questions pertaining to other forms of armament from the subjects to be considered. The communication to China does not include an invitation to a disarmament conference but requests the Chinese Government to participate in the discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern affairs.

### HARDING'S HOPES.

WASHINGTON, August 12.  
 The text of President Harding's invitation declares that the President is deeply gratified at the cordial response to his suggestion of conference on the subject of the limitation of armaments, in connection with which Pacific and Far Eastern problems can be discussed. He describes the encumbrance placed on productive labour by the enormous disbursements in rivalry in armament which are not only without economic justification but a constant menace to the peace of the world rather than an assurance of its preservation and believes that the time is opportune for the powers to approach the subject directly and in a conference at which, while naval armaments will naturally have first place, it is thought best not to exclude questions pertaining to other armaments. It may also be found advisable to formulate proposals by which the use of new agencies in warfare may be suitably controlled. After emphasising the futility of hoping to achieve a final assurance of peace without a practical effort to remove the causes of misunderstanding, he concludes that it is not the purpose of the United States to attempt to define the scope of the discussion regarding the Pacific and Far East which should be the subject of suggestions to be exchanged before the conference in expectation that a spirit of friendship and cordial appreciation of the importance of the elimination of the sources of controversy will govern the final decision. The invitation fixes the date of the conference for November 11.

### AMERICA'S MOVE NEXT.

LONDON, August 11.  
 Reuter is informed that no further progress has been made as regards the Pacific Conference. No communication has yet been received from Washington as regards the agenda. Feeling in British official quarters is that the absence from London for any length of time of the Premier and the Foreign Secretary would only be warranted if there were a guarantee that the conference would deal with practical issues. It appears that a number of suggestions have emanated from Great Britain with a view to facilitating the work of the conference but these were dropped in deference to an expression of official opinion in the United States with which the initiative now rests. It is understood that whatever date is fixed for the conference it will be sufficiently far ahead to permit of a consultation by Mr. Lloyd George with the Dominions premiers.

## WAR MEDALS.

R. G. A. RECIPIENTS.

PRESENTATION BY G.O.C.

Medals were presented by the General Officer Commanding (Major General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick) this morning to 89 warrant officers non-commissioned officers and men of the R. G. A. who served in the great war. The parade took place at Victoria Barracks and was under the command of Lieut. Colonel W. O. S. Saunders C.R.A. assisted by the Adjutant, Major Hickling D.S.O.

Addressing the recipients, Major General Kirkpatrick reminded them that the medals they were about to receive signified the appreciation of His Majesty the King of their loyalty, devotion and gallantry during the war and also the gratitude of the British race for their efforts. "The Victory Medal" proceeded the General "links you for all time in comradeship in the memory of great deeds done with the forces of the allied and associated nations. To those of you who get the Mons Star and the 1914-15 star, these stars will remind you and are tokens of the times when the forces of the Empire were hard pressed. That was the epoch before the Britons developed their full fighting power. The effort was very great and the strain terrific and therefore you receive special recognition. Let these medals be dearly cherished. Keep them as marks of honour; take care of them with the greatest pride; show them to your families and to your children and hand them down. The medals presented included a 1914 star with clasp and two roses, 14 1914-15 stars, 31 British war medals and 30 Victory medals.

### LIST OF RECIPIENTS.

The medals were awarded as follows:

DECCA.  
 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal: Sgt. O'Callaghan British war medal and Victory medal; Warrant Officer Capewell, British war medals: S. Sgt. Smith, Sgt. R. Thomas, Warrant Officer J. Watson.

88 COY. R.G.A.  
 1914 star; British war medal and Victory medal: Sgt. Stevens, 1914-15 star, British war medal and Victory medal: Gnr. Donnelly, 1914-15 star, Gnr. Owens, Gnr. Holloway, Gnr. Lingane, Gnr. Lewis and Gnr. Holman. British war and Victory medals: B.Q.M.S. Burge, Warrant Officer Williams, Gnr. Stevens, Gnr. Kelly and Gnr. Fitzpatrick.

87 COY. R.G.A.  
 British War and Victory medals: Gnr. Pomfret, Gnr. Mulqueen, Gnr. A. J. Jones, Bombr. Gilworth, A. Sgt. Williams and Sgt. T. R. Hall.

83 COY. R.G.A.  
 1914-15 star and British war and Victory medals: Sgt. H. Phillips, 1914-15 star: Gnr. Best, British war and Victory medals: Bombr. Davis, L/Sgt. Skeet, Gnr. O'Leary, Gnr. Malby, Gnr. W. A. Phillips, Gnr. Beattell.

EUROPEAN STAFF H.K.S., R.G.A.  
 1914-15 star and British war and Victory medals: Sgt. Hilbury, B.Q.M.S. Clarke, Bombr. Skinner, B.Q.M.S. Lee, B.Q.M.S. Reynolds, 1914-15 star: Pdr. Walker, British war and Victory medals: B.Q.M.S. Baynes.

For unlawfully anchoring their boats within the limits of the Eastern cable ground the masters of two trading junks were fined \$10, with the alternative of a fortnight's jail, at the Marine Court today. The defendants explained to the Marine Magistrate (Lieutenant Conway Hake R.N.R.) that they were ignorant of the regulations.

Acknowledging receipt from the Registrar of the Hongkong University a copy of the University's Calendar for 1920-1921, the N.C. Daily News observes: The cost of attending the University must commend itself to those Chinese who, for one reason or another, are unable to proceed to Great Britain. For example, \$650 will cover his expenses at the University during term time for a whole year, less than the cost of passages to and from England. Were this inducement counter-balanced by any inferiority in the educational standard of the University, it would be no inducement at all. But such is not the case, for the standard of the University of London is the one aimed at by Hongkong, and that, as is well known, is high. The students are in a British Colony, meet European fellow students, and at the same time are in touch with all things Chinese. Thereby they are preserved from the denationalizing tendencies of a purely European education. These are factors which cannot but be for the good of the students and when the facilities held out to external students for advanced instruction in various subjects are fully availed of, the University will fill that educational role which its originators dreamed of years ago.

## OBITUARY.

REV. FR. JULIUS BEAUBLAT.

SUDDEN DEATH AT SINGAPORE.

Local Catholics will learn with regret of the death at Singapore yesterday, of Rev. Fr. Julius Beaublat of the Missions Etrangères, the news of which was cabled by our Singapore correspondent this morning. Father Beaublat, who was born in Moulins, Allier, France in 1869, studied for the priesthood at an early age in his native parish; and in 1890 joined the Missions Etrangères in Paris. Two years later, he came to Hongkong, and remained with the mission here until 1907 when he went to Shanghai where he stayed for a short period before his transfer to London in the same year. Father Beaublat lived in London until 1919 when he returned to the Far East via America to take charge of the mission's affairs in Singapore. According to a letter received from Father Beaublat about two weeks ago by one of his colleagues here, he had been ill for some time, but did not think his illness serious enough to consult a doctor. Death came rather suddenly, and its unexpected news came as a great shock to the members of the mission here.

MR. T. A. UNDERWOOD.

DEATH AT SEA.

The death occurred suddenly on July 20, while the vessel was at sea, of Mr. T. A. Underwood, Chief Officer of the "Lindsay Miller." The news was cabled to the Hongkong office of Messrs. Moller & Co., by the Captain on the vessel's arrival at Singapore from Mauritius. The remains were buried at sea. The deceased was well-known on the coast, having been for several years employed on various coasting boats before he joined the "Lindsay Miller" about three months ago. He was on the way back from his first trip on the ship when death claimed him. The cause of death is not stated.

## TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The telegrams quoted below were received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 3.40 p.m. today: Cyclone, or typhoon, over or near Naha moving N.W. or N. Cyclone or typhoon near or over the Northern Ladrone or Mariana Islands moving W. or W.N.W.

The United States Naval Hospital in Yokohama, one of the oldest of American institutions in Japan, is to be closed permanently soon. The report that the hospital is to be closed is contained in the July 2, issue of the "Army and Navy Register," a publication with official sources of information, and is confirmed by personal orders received by Captain Raymond Spear commanding officer of the institution. The article in the "Army and Navy Register" states that to bring about further economies in the Navy Department, Secretary Denby had ordered that the naval hospitals at Hampton Roads, New Orleans and Yokohama be closed. It is known that the one at New Orleans has been discontinued and the staff ordered to the Great Lakes. The Register further stated that Captain Spear and his staff were to be ordered home.

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## AN AUSTRALIAN COMMENT.

Major Blinks has been awarded the General Service Medal. The Major served in a clerical position at Victoria Barracks during part of the war, doing invaluable work until he was transferred to Wangle-Wangle as O.C. the military cheese depot there. His work as O.C. the cheese depot earned him a "mention" from Lieut. Colonel Bangs, V.D., who from September, 1915, until the signing of the Peace Treaty held the position of Inspector Military Cheeses for the Commonwealth. The Colonel has also been awarded the General Service Medal. The Defence Department is now considering the question of awarding these two veteran soldiers the 1915 star. Items more or less similar to the above are appearing almost daily in the press, and the meaning of them is that the war-medals have been reduced to absurdity. The same decoration is handed to the man who fought in Flanders and to the man who took particular care to stay at home. Or, rather, the fighting-man usually gets his after the non-starter has been served. It would be hard to throw a brick in an average city gathering without hitting a fighting Digger who has nothing in the medal line to show for his efforts, while the Department's friend, Major Blinks, has long since been "awarded" the distinction he never earned. Meanwhile, the Department continues to spend the country's money in periodical advertisements calling on ex-soldiers to come forward and claim the medals which aren't available.—S. Bulletin.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Solicitors of the Estate concerned to sell by Public Auction on **WEDNESDAY, August 17, 1921.** Commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A Private Collection of Valuable Antique China and Curios of various periods. Comprising:— Five coloured, three coloured, famille rose, blue and white, flumbe and celadon vases, jars, wall plates, bowls, penholders, seal boxes, white incense burners and dishes, etc., etc. On view from Tuesday, the 16th Aug. Catalogues will be issued. Terms—Cash, delivery. **LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.** Hongkong, August 12, 1921.

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## SHIPPING. THE PIRATER EVIL. AN IMPORTANT REPORT.

The report of the Committee appointed by the Council of the Chamber of Shipping, which has just been issued, is published at an opportune time. Piracy is a question of the greatest importance to shipowners and shippers, and a perusal of this second report on the subject gives proof that the evil is to be vigorously combated. The fact that the International Chamber of Commerce has just been dealing with shipping questions on an international basis adds to the interest with which recommendations for dealing with piracy, one of the gravest problems which the shipping industry has to solve, have been received. The report lays stress on certain aspects of the question which ought to receive attention. It is pointed out, for example, that the practice of issuing bills of lading for goods received for shipment is undesirable, as it opens the door for piracy, and that in any event, even if such a bill is issued, shipowners should refrain under any circumstances from issuing a shipped bill of lading until the goods are actually on board the vessel. This recommendation is designed, of course, to protect the shipowner as far as possible from the responsibility for claims for piracy before shipment. It is satisfactory to learn, too, that the London Lighterage Clause is about to be amended by agreement with the trade, lightermen having agreed to accept a limited responsibility for piracy and theft while goods are in their hands.

The London police scheme is, as we anticipated, proving effective, and it is, therefore, to be regretted that it is not to be continued in some of the London docks. On the other hand, the Police Authorities have under consideration the extension of the dock police scheme to the whole of the River Thames, and, although the cost is estimated at £50,000 a year, it will probably be agreed that it is well worth while facing this expenditure. What is being done in London is being imitated in Australia, the cost of the scheme being in the case of Australia met by a small levy per ton on cargo, and a pleasing feature of this experiment is that there is no hostility to it on the part of the labour unions. It is more difficult to deal with piracy at foreign ports, where the shipowner is unable to exercise the necessary authority to resist what in one or two instances has assumed the form of armed robbery. The plan suggested is that shipowners should seek the assistance of the Department of Overseas Trade, and shipowners are recommended to put themselves in touch with the commercial secretaries who are responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Consuls. Action is also being taken to deal with the method of making accurate and good deliveries ex ship. The difficulty of dealing with this subject is complicated by the fact that at many ports goods are taken into the shed or warehouse of the Port Authority without any receipt being given, and may not be delivered to the consignee for some time afterwards. It is desirable to frame some method of preventing shipowners being mulcted for piracy which takes place while the goods are in the charge of the Port Authority. It is thought that if a tally was taken ex ship it would be possible to limit the liability of shipowners to piracy which takes place before the goods leave the ship. Deck officers must, however, co-operate in this work, and should be prepared to accept responsibility for the reception, carriage, and delivery of their cargoes in good condition, says the *Journal of Commerce*.

Another question which is dealt with in the report is that of improved packing. It is not desired to lay down definite rules as to the kind of packing to be insisted upon, but it is necessary that shipowners should have the right to reject goods which they regard as being insufficiently packed, and also the right, in the

case of pilferage or damage of goods accepted, to put in a claim of loss. The London Chamber of Commerce have co-operated with the shipping industry in making some experiments as to the qualities required in packing cases to withstand the wear and tear of ocean transport, as well as to make it difficult for theft to take place. The Committee of the Chamber of Shipping have gone into this part of the programme very carefully, and with the object of restricting pilferage to the lowest possible limits are preparing a schedule of devices to be adopted by shipowners. The names appended to the report of the Committee ought to carry sufficient weight to earn for it the most careful consideration of all concerned with the transport of goods by sea.

### FIRES AT SEA.

#### NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRED.

Underwriters and shipowners are becoming disturbed over increasing lists of fires on steamers. Several recent changes in the shipping world have accentuated the situation, one of the most notable being the replacement of steam by oil. This brings an end to the practical value of the Board of Trade somewhat ancient regulations dealing with fires simply by means of steam and water. On many ships now the steam is not available, and the greatly increased use of the oil engines and of oil fuel has brought into being quite a new set of circumstances.

A very extended desire is being expressed in the shipping and underwriting world for a set of new regulations governing the very serious problem of fires on ships.

In a recent list of fires on ships published by the Board of Trade, it is interesting to note that out of 114 fires at sea on the only two vessels where the outbreak was very soon overcome and the cargo saved, the Clayton Fire Extinguishing Plant was installed. This seems such a striking example of the practical value of this chemical apparatus that it is well worth looking at the system and considering its merits. The Clayton machines have been fitted into important units in over 90 important steamship lines. And since they were first put on the market in 1901 have been growing continuously in favour amongst shipowners in all parts of the world. They provide in one machine a fire extinguisher and a disinfecting apparatus. Another exceptionally important point in their favour is their safety as far as a disinfecting ship is concerned, and this ought to be more fully recognised by port authorities, for recent cases have appeared in the Press where men have lost their lives through the disinfection of ships by hydrocyanic acid gas, a system which is still unfortunately maintained in the American ports.

The Clayton machine produces a gas, known throughout the world as "Clayton Gas," which can be used without danger to human life, yet possesses fire preventing and fire extinguishing properties, and is radical, insecticidal and germicidal. Hence it is ideal for use on board ship and for port sanitary work. No dangerous chemicals are used, only sulphur. The sulphur is burnt in a steel generator, through which air drawn by means of a powerful blower. The products of combustion (Clayton Gas) are drawn through the cooler and driven along the delivery pipe into the same compartment from which the air is withdrawn. The chief parts of the machine are the generator, cooler, blower and engine. The various operations, including the cutting out of the generator, when ventilating, are carried out by the movement of one handwheel (the circuit change so that whether fire extinguishing, fumigating, or ventilating, the operator has complete control).

All parts of the machine are easily accessible, and the machine may be placed in a corner, as only two sides require space for working. A ship's installation consists of the machine and two main pipes running fore and aft with branches to each cargo compartment, bunker or store. These connections are fitted in convenient places for fumigating cabins, galleys, &c. By means of a simple attachment, the Clayton system of piping

can be utilised for the introduction of steam, should this be required to comply with the maritime regulations of any country, but on no account must steam or water be used in conjunction with Clayton gas. Sulphur for use in the generator will keep indefinitely without deterioration; it can be stored in about half the space of an equal weight of coal, and is obtainable all over the world, and in volcanic districts is much cheaper than the fire extinguishing properties of Clayton gas are due to the fact that combustion cannot take place in an atmosphere more than 5 per cent. sulphur dioxide. The fumigating power of Clayton gas is such that a strength of 3 per cent. kills rats, insects and disease germs, and gives a very wide margin of safety to cover any diffusion or absorption that may occur. A ton of sulphur produces approximately 537,000 cubic feet of a fire-extinguishing gas and 880,000 cubic feet of a fumigating gas. By means of a very simple test, scientific control of the strength of gas generated and in a compartment is maintained whether fire-extinguishing or fumigating. The reliability and simplicity of this method of dealing with fires on ships has recently led to its extended installation in the vessels of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

### WELFARE OF SEAMEN.

#### WORK OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN SAILORS' SOCIETY.

Sir Frederick Green, chairman and treasurer, presided over the 103rd annual general meeting of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, held at Wakefield House, Cheapside. The effects of the great expansion of the society's activities due to the war were, he said, now slowly passing away, and they were drawing nearer to normal conditions. In many of the naval ports other agencies were now able to deal with the needs of the bluejackets, and the society was in consequence concentrating its service in the commercial ports. The income for the year, £76,000, unfortunately fell short by £20,000 of the expenditure, and the deficit had to be met by the sale of securities, but as the prospects of increased income were again brightened, they hoped soon to be able to adjust the balance without seriously restricting the work in any direction. He hoped that even now they might reasonably look forward to getting a share of the money subscribed to King George's Fund for Sailors. No association was more entitled to a share of it than theirs, considering the magnificent work it was doing for sailors.

Statistics given showing the varied work of the society included the following items: Visits to ships, 46,000; Bibles and scripture portions distributed, 41,000; attendances of seamen at society's reading rooms, 1,027,000; clothing and sea kits provided, 4,700; numbers staying at rest, 109,000.

### U. S. MERCHANT SHIPS.

#### STATE OWNERSHIP FAILURE.

The American Shipping Board, which now comprises several new members, believes that Government control of the mercantile marine, while necessary during the war, is a tremendous mistake. After surveying the fleet, most of which is idle and the some vessels already useless, the board believes that its first duty will be to wipe out a loss of close upon \$500,000,000 and to estimate the present value of the fleet at something over \$200,000,000. The purpose of Mr. Albert Lasker, of Chicago, the new chairman of the board, and his colleagues, is "to get the Government out of the shipping business" as soon as possible, and sell everything to private owners. On such a basis as I have outlined the successful operation of American merchant ships is hoped for, and the Shipping Board in the meantime will go all in its power to bring about development of new trade routes in harmony with America's national policy. The question remains open, however, in the present state of the shipping market, private owners can be secured at the reduced valuation, or any valuation at all.

### SHANGHAI COLLISION.

#### "MANILA MARU" RUNS INTO "GLENAMORY."

An accident occurred on the river at Shanghai, on August 5, which had the effect of postponing the departure of the steamer "Glenamory." The vessel, which was stationed at the China Merchants Lower Wharf, was to have left for Chinwangtao, and the tug "Victoria" was at hand ready to tow her out from the wharf, where she was lying head upstream. At the same time a cargo boat was moored alongside. The "Manila Maru," the 9,000-ton boat of the O.S.K., was coming up the river. Nearing the China Merchants Wharf she swung round to go to her buoy, and it was then the accident occurred. She struck the cargo boat lying by the "Glenamory," sinking her. She then hit the "Glenamory" on the port side of the funnel, damaging her there, while the "Manila Maru" herself received damage to her starboard side. Fortunately she then went clear, and reached her buoy.

A survey is meantime being made of the "Glenamory," says the *N. C. Daily News*, to ascertain the extent of the damage. As regards the "Manila Maru" the extent of her injuries have not been learned either, but considering the serious possibilities of the case present appearances are that both vessels have escaped lightly.

### COLOMBO'S SECOND HARBOUR.

#### LITTLE FURTHER WORK TO BE DONE.

The constructional work connected with the Lake Development Scheme is practically completed. Owing to this and to the further fact that this year's funds are nearly exhausted the work at present in hand is somewhat limited; activity is almost entirely confined to the work of dredging and reclamation. The docks near the Fort station have been completed some little time, though the channel connecting them with the Harbour is not yet ready for use. A dredger is now at work in making this waterway navigable and it is hoped that by the end of the financial year the connection between Lake and Harbour will have been perfected.

The Norris Road bridge is now only in need of a parapet wall while the new bridge at Slave Island has already been finished. The work of dredging will be continued for some time in order to increase the depth of the important parts of the Lake to 6½ feet. Reclamation, too, still continues, the present operations being limited to the neighbourhood of Kew Barracks.

### JAPANESE SHIPBUILDING.

#### AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT.

The remarkable progress made by Japan during the war is illustrated in the following figures of shipbuilding since 1914—

Year	Tons
1914	30,000
1916	185,000
1917	486,000
1918	721,000
1919	675,000
1920	(Approximately) 500,000

There were only four shipbuilding yards in Japan in 1914 which could construct ships of more than 1,000 tons, but this number had been increased to 45 in 1918. The reaction after the palmy days of the war (to all monies so received by the said Japan's commerce) is now observable. There are still 21 dockyards open, but a reduction is expected during the current year. Half the maximum war tonnage might be taken as Japan's normal basis, from which development should be steady and continuous. Considering that this basis is ten times in excess of the 1914 total, the phenomenal expansion of Japan's shipbuilding constitutes an amazing achievement, despite the fact that it was more or less thrust on her.

### SHARP COMPETITION IN PACIFIC TRADE.

#### "APPROACHING THE CUT-THROAT STAGE."

Competition for Pacific trade amongst British, U.S. and Japanese companies is approaching the cut-throat stage. The Pacific Coast

West-Bound Conference was disbanded at San Francisco, and officials of the U.S. Shipping Board predict an era of sharp competition, "not a rate war," but very "severe." A freight agreement entered into by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Jap., Pacific Mail, China Mail, and other lines allows the forces of competition for cargoes and passengers against U.S. owned and operated lines.

The Barber Steamship Company of New York will play a conspicuous part in this competition. Shortly it will open a round-the-world line, calling at Oriental and European ports, with New York as the starting point. U.S. ships are to be devoted increasingly to Pacific trade.

### SUEZ CANAL.

#### OUR SHIPPING PREDOMINANT.

The Company of the Suez Canal has just issued its annual report for 1920. The British Government has a very considerable holding in this French company, which exploits the most important link in the shortest maritime route from Europe to the countries of the East.

The British flag continues to enjoy an undisputed supremacy in the canal. In 1920 the total shipping passing through the canal was 17,574,657 tons. Of this total the Union Jack claimed 10,838,842 tons and then Holland with 1,425,808 tons. The United States comes next with only 723,716 tons. The German flag was shown only on three steamers—14,777 tons.

The financial results of the year are good. The total revenue was 267,460,529 francs, and the net profit after deducting all expenses was 138,472,665 francs. Of this sum 143,661,971 francs are to be distributed to the shareholders, making 255 francs per share issued.

### MESSAGERIES MARITIMES' REPORT.

The yearly report of the Messageries Maritimes, which was presented to the shareholders on June 28, shows that for the twelve months ended November 30 last, the net profit of the line has amounted to Frs. 4,993,028 in comparison with Frs. 4,993,028 in 1919-1920, and that in the assets the private and contract fleets are written down for Frs. 111,882,990, as against Frs. 196,631,000 formerly. The value of real property rises from nearly 14 million to Frs. 100,000 short of twenty million, and supplies at Marseilles are valued at Frs. 29,899,000 instead of twelve millions. Contract liabilities are little changed—69½ millions. Cash and ledger assets are put down at nearly 179 million, an increase of 50 million, whilst the account for sundry debtors is Frs. 215,000,000, though formerly Frs. 130,790,000. Creditors are also more numerous, nearly 153 millions instead of 48 millions, the total of credit accounts being Frs. 143,778,000. The dividend to be proposed is Frs. 15 per share on a 75 million capital, the dividend last year having been Frs. 25 on a capital of 45 million francs.

### GENERAL NOTES.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

### FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.

"Daisy" Brand	\$1.45 per lb.
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### STATE BANQUET.

#### THE KING'S WAR MEMORIES OF BELGIUM.

The King and Queen gave a state banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of the King and Queen of the Belgians, who arrived in London on a four days' state visit.

The banquet, which was attended by close on 150 guests, including numerous members of the royal family, the Prime Minister and other Ministers and Dominion Premiers, was served in the state ballroom amid glittering splendour.

Gold vases belonging to the famous service of gold plate were filled with bunches of pink and mauve flowers and delicate fronds of green. The pink flowers were carnations and the mauve were statice. Asparagus fern and Cocos palms were sparsely employed.

Queen Mary's dress was of hatter blue, with an overdress of blue and gold paillette. Her Majesty wore a diamond crown with the Koh-i-noor, and her other chief ornaments were diamonds.

During the banquet the band of the Royal Artillery played.

The King, in his speech of welcome to his principal guests, said:—

"Belgium's material recovery is proceeding with extraordinary rapidity, thanks in a large measure to the unconquerable spirit and the amazing industry of her people."

"Proud as I am to entertain your Majesties here in London, my memory goes back to the days when, in more modest and less secure surroundings, I visited you in the little corner of your own country which you jointly refused to leave, even in the darkest hours of the conflict."

"On the conclusion of his speech the King turned towards the King of the Belgians, and then towards Queen Elizabeth, and they and Queen Mary clinked glasses, and the band played the Belgian National Anthem."

King Albert, in his reply spoke warmly of Britain's war effort, singing

### A MIRAGE IN LONDON.

#### PALL MALL SEEM AS A RIPPLING LAKE.

A message from Allahabad, dated July 14 states:—The sole European exception to the heat wave is apparently Rome, where thunderstorms and torrential rains are responsible for a cold spell, compelling the wearing of overcoats.

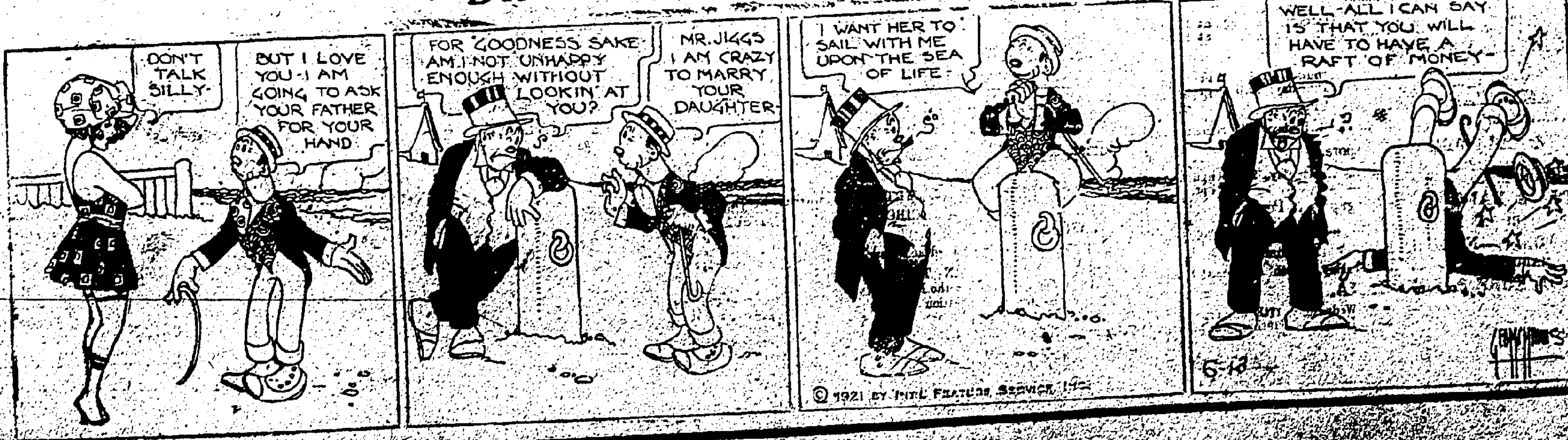
London on the contrary is brooding in the sun and enjoying the spectacle of a mirage which transformed the Mall into a rippling lake, in which tairacbs appear to float. Professor A. W. Bickerton, the President of the London Astronomical Society, told a reporter that this was like a mirage of the desert due to the expansion of air on the surface of a tarred road. Professor Bickerton is also responsible for the theory that the heat wave is due to the diversion of a portion of the Gulf stream owing to the abnormal distribution of floating ice broken from the Arctic ice walls by earthquake waves. Hence Great Britain had been largely deprived of its normal moisture, accounting for the dryness and the transparency of the atmosphere.

Sir Alfred Mond told the House of Commons that the water supplied to the Metropolis in the past week was 37,000,000 gallons; the average for 1920 year, largely owing to the ready response to public appeals for economy. Nevertheless, water board inspectors were now especially assigned to watch householders.

out for special tribute Lord Kitchener and Miss Cavell. He said: "Just as the name of Verdun will for ever perpetuate the memory of French heroism, Ypres will remain the symbol of British courage."

Afterwards the massed ranks of the Scots Guards paraded in the banquet hall and played a stirring tune as they marched round the round tables. This was an entirely new feature at a state banquet.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.





NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES CHINA COAST, ETC.

Aug. 14.-O.S.K. Amakusa M. 14.-I.C.S.N. Kowloon M. 16.-C.N. Hainan. 16.-D.L. Hainan. 17.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 17.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 18.-D.L. Hainan.

Aug. 13.-C.N. Amoy. 14.-O.S.K. Amakusa M. 16.-D.L. Hainan. 19.-D.L. Hainan.

FOOCHOW. Aug. 15.-D.L. Hainan. 19.-D.L. Hainan.

SHANGHAI. Aug. 13.-C.N. Hainan. 14.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 16.-C.N. Hainan. 17.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 18.-D.L. Hainan. 19.-D.L. Hainan.

TIENSIN. Aug. 13.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 15.-C.N. Hainan.

WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOO. Aug. 15.-C.N. Hainan.

HANKOW. Sept. 21.-B.F. Hainan.

TSINGTAO. Aug. 14.-C.N. Hainan. 17.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 20.-C.N. Hainan.

KEELUNG. Aug. 14.-O.S.K. Amakusa M.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW. Aug. 16.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 17.-C.N. Hainan.

SAIGON. Aug. 16.-M. Hainan. 16.-A.L. Hainan. Sept. 1.-O.S.K. Hainan.

SINGAPORE. Aug. 15.-C.N. Hainan. 16.-B.F. Hainan. 20.-C.N. Hainan. Sept. 1.-O.S.K. Hainan.

BANGKOK. Aug. 15.-C.N. Hainan. 17.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. Sept. 1.-O.S.K. Hainan.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA. Aug. 15.-B.F. Hainan. 30.-B.F. Hainan. Sept. 21.-B.F. Hainan.

CEBU AND ILOILO. Aug. 18.-C.N. Hainan.

SANDAKAN. Aug. 25.-I.C.S.N. Hainan.

JAYA PORTS, ETC.

Aug. 19.-J.C.L. Hainan. 21.-Nanyo Y.K. Hainan. 22.-K.P.M. Hainan.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

CALCUTTA. (Via Rangoon). Aug. 18.-B.F. Hainan. 20.-N.Y.K. Hainan. 31.-B.I. Hainan.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO. Aug. 18.-O.S.K. Hainan. 20.-N.Y.K. Hainan. Sept. 2.-N.Y.K. Hainan.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS. SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. Aug. 18.-N.Y.K. Hainan. 20.-N.Y.K. Hainan. 21.-N.Y.K. Hainan.

JAPAN PORTS. Aug. 14.-E.L. Hainan. 15.-B.F. Hainan. 16.-P.O. Hainan. 17.-I.C.S.N. Hainan. 18.-D.L. Hainan. 19.-D.L. Hainan.

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AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Aug. 18.-C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia. 24.-R.F. Empress of Russia. 24.-R.F. Empress of Russia. 24.-R.F. Empress of Russia. 24.-R.F. Empress of Russia. 24.-R.F. Empress of Russia.

SEATTLE.

Aug. 13.-A.L. Silver State. 14.-A.L. Silver State. 15.-A.L. Silver State. 16.-A.L. Silver State. 17.-A.L. Silver State. 18.-A.L. Silver State.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Aug. 12.-T.K.K. Taiyo Maru. 25.-S.D. West Henshaw. 27.-T.K.K. Siberia Maru. 30.-S.D. West Henshaw. 31.-T.K.K. Siberia Maru. 31.-T.K.K. Siberia Maru.

PORTLAND.

Sept. 3.-A.L. Abercrombie.

VALPARAISO.

Sept. 16.-N.Y.K. Kaga Maru. 16.-N.Y.K. Kaga Maru. 16.-N.Y.K. Kaga Maru. 16.-N.Y.K. Kaga Maru. 16.-N.Y.K. Kaga Maru.

NEW ORLEANS.

Aug. 31.-O.S.K. Hamburg Maru.

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Aug. 15.-O.S.K. Havre Maru. 15.-D.L. Ever Dollar. 15.-D.L. Ever Dollar. 15.-D.L. Ever Dollar. 15.-D.L. Ever Dollar.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

DURBAN AND CAPETOWN. (Via Singapore, Butte, Alton, Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Matanzas). Aug. 25.-O.S.K. Panama Maru.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE. Aug. 25.-A.L. China Seas.

MARSEILLES.

Aug. 18.-M.M. Portbus.

LONDON.

Aug. 14.-N.Y.K. Kleist. 15.-N.Y.K. Kleist. 15.-N.Y.K. Kleist. 15.-N.Y.K. Kleist. 15.-N.Y.K. Kleist.

LIVERPOOL.

Aug. 19.-R.F. Cyclops. 20.-R.F. Cyclops. 20.-R.F. Cyclops. 20.-R.F. Cyclops. 20.-R.F. Cyclops.

HAMBURG.

Aug. 15.-H.E.A.L. Radja. 15.-H.E.A.L. Radja. 15.-H.E.A.L. Radja. 15.-H.E.A.L. Radja. 15.-H.E.A.L. Radja.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

The Ben Line s.s. "Fenician" from Antwerp, Middleham, and London left Singapore for this port on Aug. 10 and may be expected to arrive here on or about August 18.

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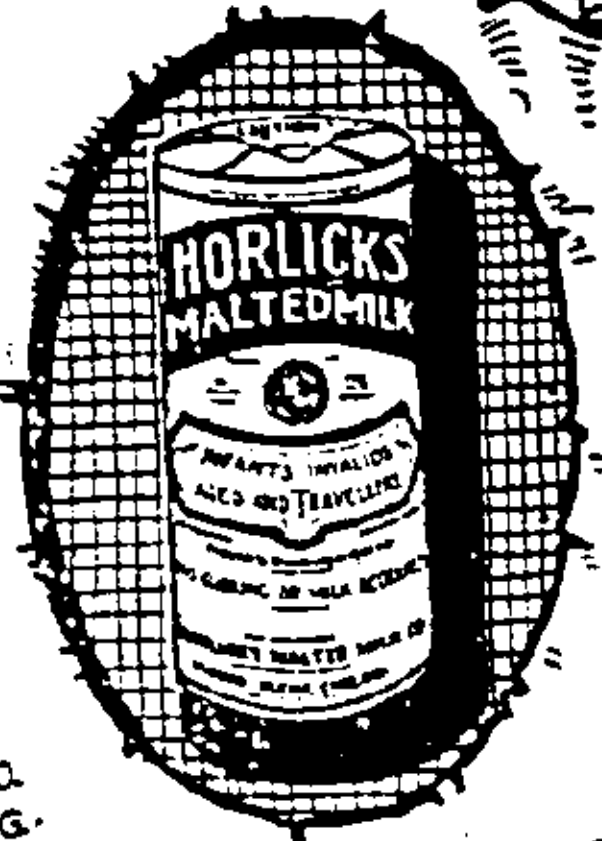


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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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### IRISH PEACE COMING?

DE VALERA'S REPLY BRINGS PREMIER BACK TO LONDON.

DAIL EIREANN TO MEET.

LONDON, August 11.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain announced that he had received Mr. De Valera's reply which he immediately transmitted to Mr. Lloyd George. He hoped that the latter would be able to make statement regarding Ireland on Tuesday or Wednesday. The Sinn Féin authorities in Dublin announce that the Irish representatives in Paris, Rome, and Washington have been recalled to attend the coming meeting of Dail Eireann. The British Government has undertaken to issue passports to facilitate their journey.

PARIS, August 11.

Owing to the nature of Mr. De Valera's reply, Mr. Lloyd George is returning to London to-morrow. The others are remaining in Paris. NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

PARIS, August 12.

To-day Mr. Lloyd George again held a conference with M. Briand as regards Upper Silesia until seven o'clock in the evening, after which M. Briand declared that agreement had not been reached but he would continue hopeful to the end. Mr. Lloyd George is seeing M. Briand to-morrow before his departure. Mr. Lloyd George proposed a new demarcation line between the German and Polish frontier which M. Briand submitted to his experts.

### ALARMIST REPORTS NOT SUPPORTED.

LONDON, August 12.  
Reuter's enquiries in London do not support the French alarmist forecast of the Irish reply. Well-informed circles state that the communication is in the nature of a continuation of the informal talks with Mr. Lloyd George naturally inviting a reply and tending to a continuance of negotiations which the latest development in the situation does not jeopardise. Meanwhile it seems significant that Messrs. Barton, McGrath, and O'Brien have again occupied the suite of rooms in the Grosvenor Hotel in London taken by the Sinn Féiners during Mr. De Valera's recent visit. Mr. McGrath states that their stay is indefinite.

### NEW PHILIPPINES GOVERNOR.

GENERAL LEONARD WOOD ACCEPTS THE POST.

WASHINGTON, August 12.

General Leonard Wood has expressed his willingness to accept the offer of the governorship of the Philippines.

### PRESIDENT'S FATHER WEDS.

76 YEARS OF AGE MARRIES NURSE AGED 52 YEARS.

MONROE, MICHIGAN, Aug. 12.

Dr. Harding, 76 years of age, the President's father, has married his nurse, Miss Severns, aged 52.

### INTERESTING ROYAL VISIT.

HIS MAJESTY CHALLENGED AT A CASTLE.

A Pioneer special cable, dated London July 12, states: "Their Majesties have concluded a two days' visit to the Channel Islands, where they were enthusiastically welcomed with quaint feudal ceremonies, in which local Seigneurs in Norman and French paid homage to King George as the King and Duke of Normandy. His Majesty on landing at Jersey waived the right of service by the Seigneurs riding, while chattering into the water to meet him, jocularly remarking that the water was too deep. Afterwards, His Majesty attended a session of the Deputies with Jurats and Rectors in the town hall, and the flag of the Normandy hangings above the King's seat. The proceedings were conducted in French. Subsequently, His Majesty received the homage of the Seigneurs in the Royal Court. The King occupied the seat used by Sir Walter Raleigh when Governor of the islands. He clasped the hands of the central Seigneurs of the line of Seigneurs who recited the homage. An interesting visit was paid to Montserrat Castle, where the King was challenged in French by the Halberdier Guard, and allowed to enter the Castle on the President of the States (local legislature) answering the challenge: 'Sa Majesté le Roi.' With the balance from last year, the Australian financial year closed with a surplus of \$5,000,000, the estimated revenue being less expenditure by \$2,750,000, while the expenditure of the year was \$4,000,000 below the estimate.

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### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13.	
Shanghai	Sinking
Japan and Shanghai	Kleist
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14.	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Montezuma
MONDAY, AUGUST 15.	
Shanghai	Soochow
Japan	Aki Maru
Strait	Khyber
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17.	
Manila	Fabiana Maru
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18.	
Japan and Shanghai	Mishima Maru
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12.		
Strait, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEEN	Chakrang	4 p.m.
Holbow and Haiphong	Mo Hon	5 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13.		
Strait, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, via		
Manila, South Africa, India, via		
Dhankhodi, Bombay and ADEEN	Suigon Maru	10 a.m.
Wahaiwei, Chiao and Tientsin	Chongshing	10 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Central and		
South America & EUROPE via VIC-		
TORIA, B.C. Registration 9.45 a.m.		
Letters 10.30 a.m.		
Shanghai and Bangkok	Silver State	11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Lechow	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Chenau	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Shantung	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Hansang	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Kwongsang	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.		
Strait, South Africa, India, via		
Dhankhodi, Egypt & EUROPE via		
MARSEILLES, Registration 9 p.m.		
Letters 9 p.m.		
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14.		
Philippine Islands	Teucer	8 a.m.
Suigon	Suigon Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Ausamus	9 a.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 15.		
Swatow and Bangkok	Algan	11 a.m.
Swatow, Straits and Bangkok	Hupoh	11 a.m.
Takao	Buho Maru	11 a.m.
Wahaiwei, Chiao and Tientsin	Huichow	2 p.m.
Swatow	Hydranga	5 p.m.
Holbow and Haiphong	Luan	5 p.m.
Holbow, Straits and Bangkok	Fooksang	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Aki Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Khyber	10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Sinking	10 a.m.
Shanghai, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.		
Strait, South Africa, India, via		
Dhankhodi, Egypt & EUROPE via		
SUEZ, Registration 9.45 a.m.		
Letters 10.30 a.m.		
The Parcel Mail will be closed on		
Monday, the 15th Aug., at 5 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Hallong	1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17.		
Holbow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Mingang	8 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Mingang	9 a.m.
Swatow, Bangkok and North China	Hopang	11 a.m.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18.		
Holbow and Bangkok	Hanyang	9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Shanghai	11 a.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Aki Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Tango Maru	9 a.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Mishima Maru	3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Tamang	3 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21.		
Shanghai and North China	Yongchow	3 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22.		
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Kleist	8 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Chenau	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Shantung	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Hansang	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Kwongsang	5 p.m.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Aug. 12d. 11h. 55m.—Warning to Hongkong Coast. A severe typhoon with 31 miles of low S.W. and low 170 E. moving W.N.W.

Aug. 12d. 12h. 13m.—Pressure has increased slightly over central Japan, and decreased slightly from Shanghai to Hongkong and the Philippines. It has increased considerably at Naha and decreased considerably at Ishigakijima.

A very severe typhoon passed over Naha yesterday afternoon. It is travelling slowly and has altered its course to W.N.W.

The depression or typhoon now to the north of Guam is travelling N.W. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 73.49 inches, against an average of 57.68 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on August 13th.

1.—Hongkong in Gap Rock. W. winds, moderate; S.E. W. winds, freshening.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG. DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 12, 1921.—a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer at Sea Level. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force. Wind.

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